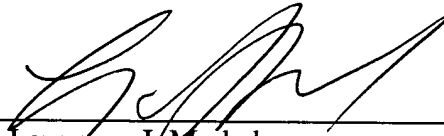


**REMARKS**

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-8 and 16-29 are pending.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5580-02102/LJM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Merkel', is written over a horizontal line.

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